

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified translation of PCT/EP2005/051458, has been cancelled in favor of the concurrently submitted substitute specification. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

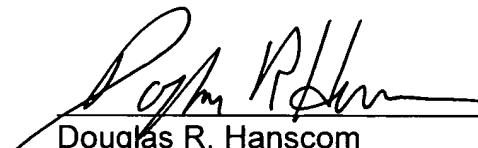
Original claims 1-20 and Article 34 claims 1-17 have been cancelled. New claims 21-37 have been added. New claims 21-37 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims that are pending in the PCT application. They have been presented more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, is respectfully requested.

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